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- On 2 July 1950 members of the Executive Committee of the Rangoom University Students' Union (RUSU) discussed a proposal of Tetphongyi THEIN PE * for the introduction of a Marcist curriculum into the university. Mg Ng KYAV. president of the RUSU, presided.
- After THEIN PE had walked out on the meeting, it was decided that the University authorities should be urged to suspend the activities of the Textbooks Selection Committee, of which THEIN PE is a member. The group also decided to ask THEIN PE not to advocate the Marxist literature in the future.
- On 7 July leaflets circulated by the University Marxist Club pointed out that London University and the London School of Economics prescribed Lenin's "Imperialism", "State and Revolution", and Karl Marx's "Das Kapital" as textbooks. The leiflets denied that the study of Marxism constituted an attack on Buddhiss, citing the case of Thakin NU who continued a devout Buddhist despite his wide knowledge of Marxist literature.
- Simultaneously, a University College students' petition to the RUSU objected to the introduction of Marxism into the curriculum. And on 12 July a leaflet appeared attacking Mg Mg KYAF, Ko SEIN HIA, Ko YAN WAI and other signatories of the 7 July leaflets, describing them as reactionaries bent on insulting the Buddhist religion. The new leaflet accused THEIN PE and his group of attempting to spread the Marxist creed into the University under the cover of academic studies. **

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Comment, The anti-Marxist group at Rangoon University is led by Ko KYIN HLAING, Vice President of the RUSU and Mg KO KO LAY of the Executive Committee. It includes nearly all the Executive Committee and a majority of the Union members.

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